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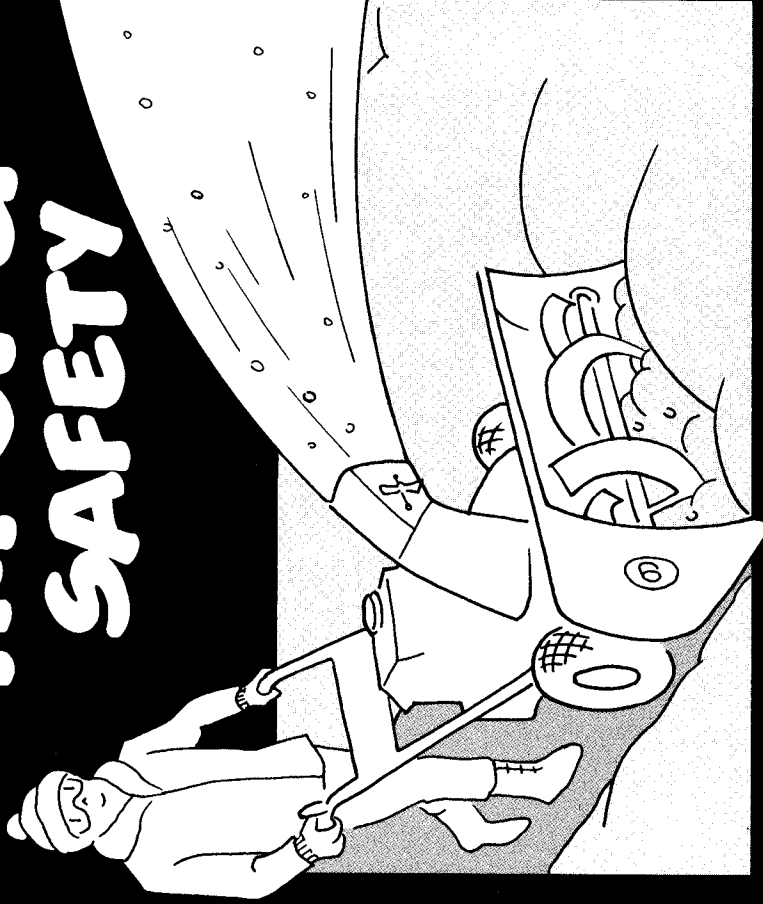
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ABOUT SNOW THROWER SAFETY



YOUR SNOW THROWER

can help make wintertime living
MORE ENJOYABLE.

It's designed and built
to save you:

✓ **TIME**

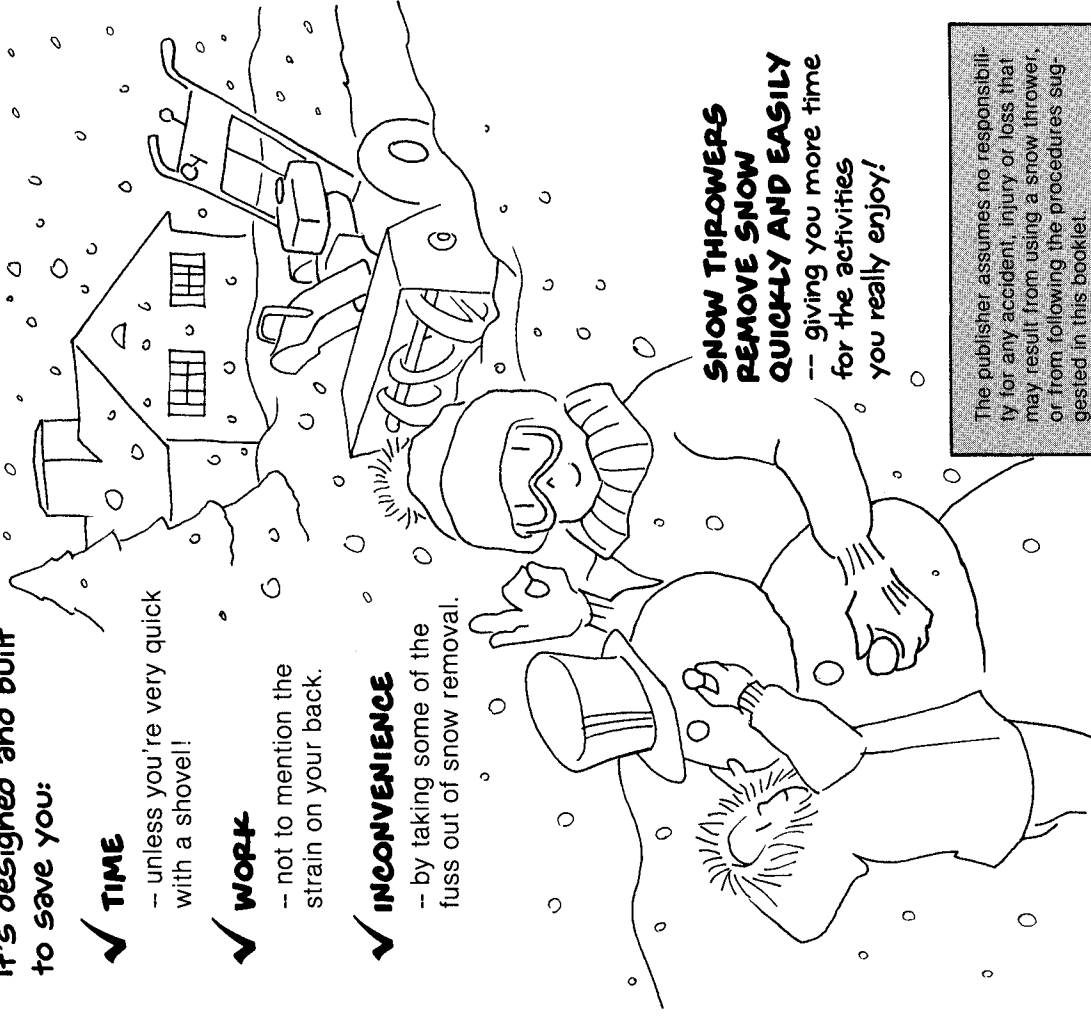
-- unless you're very quick
with a shovel!

✓ **WORK**

-- not to mention the
strain on your back.

✓ **INCONVENIENCE**

-- by taking some of the
fuss out of snow removal.



**SNOW THROWERS
REMOVE SNOW
QUICKLY AND EASILY**

-- giving you more time
for the activities
you really enjoy!

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Soo--

It's up to you to

USE YOUR SNOW THROWER SAFELY!

✓ **GET TO KNOW**
your machine.

✓ **GET READY**
for each snow removal.

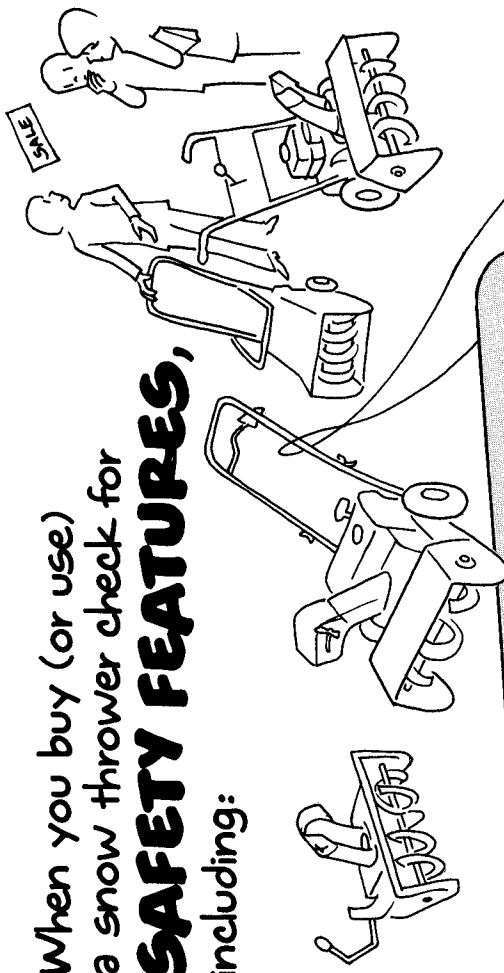


✓ **THINK SAFETY,**
especially while
operating your snow
thrower.

✓ **MAINTAIN IT PROPERLY**
at all times.

Then...
let it snow,
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When you buy (or use) a snow thrower check for **SAFETY FEATURES**, including:



SAFETY SHIELDS, which are designed and built for maximum protection.

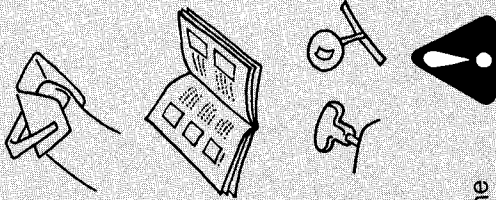
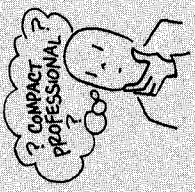
COMPLETE INSTRUCTIONS, which clearly explain the proper operating and maintenance procedures.

CONVENIENT CONTROLS, which are easy to use.

SAFETY ALERT SYMBOLS, which identify the danger zones on the snow thrower.

It's also important to consider:

- PROPER SIZE for your needs
- AVAILABILITY of service and parts.

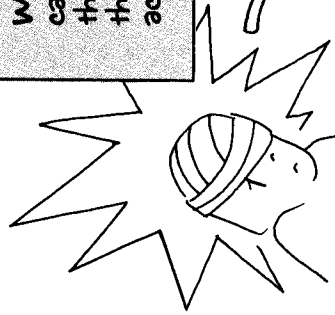


WHY SNOW THROWER SAFETY ?

Should I know about

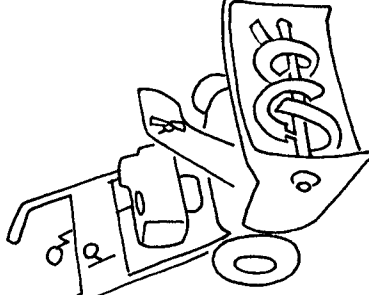
Because, like any powerful machine, a snow thrower must be used properly -- for safety's sake.

Whenever people are careless or unaware of the hazards they face, the stage is set for accidents.



PEOPLE CAN BE INJURED BY:

- contact with moving machine parts
- flying objects
- slips and falls.



FIRES CAN BE STARTED BY:

- improper handling or storage of gasoline
- sparks
- contact with hot engine surfaces.



Fortunately, such accidents (and the pain, disability and financial loss associated with them) can be prevented.

Learn how...

YOUR KEYS TO AVOIDING ACCIDENTS

Snow thrower safety depends on 3 things:

1 YOUR ATTITUDE

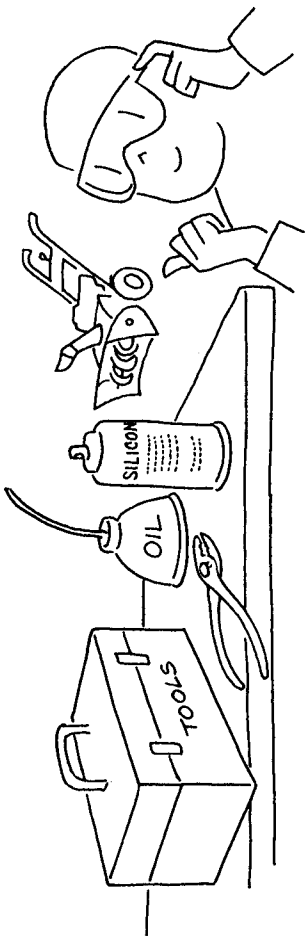
It's extremely important for you to approach your snow thrower with respect and to take safety seriously.

2 WHAT YOU KNOW

Concern for safety is not enough. You have to know how to handle your snow thrower safely, and this knowledge must be translated into action.

3 WHAT YOU DO

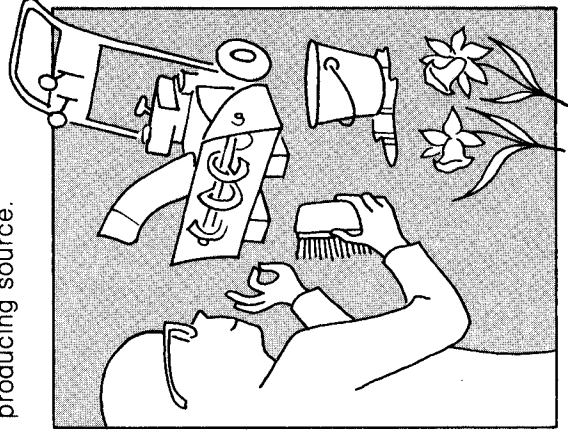
To operate your snow thrower safely, you must follow the instructions in your operator's manual at all times, for proper use, maintenance and storage of the machine.



IN THE SPRING

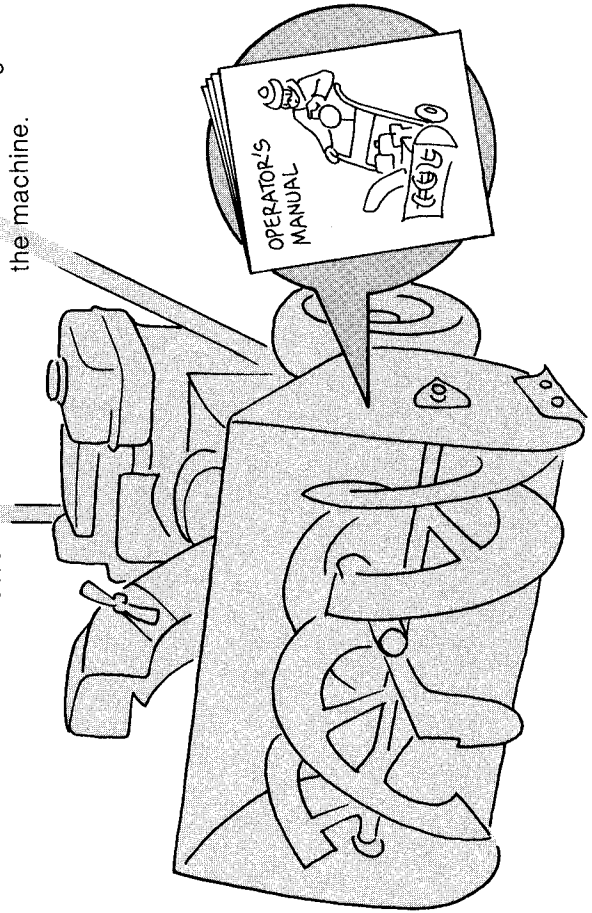
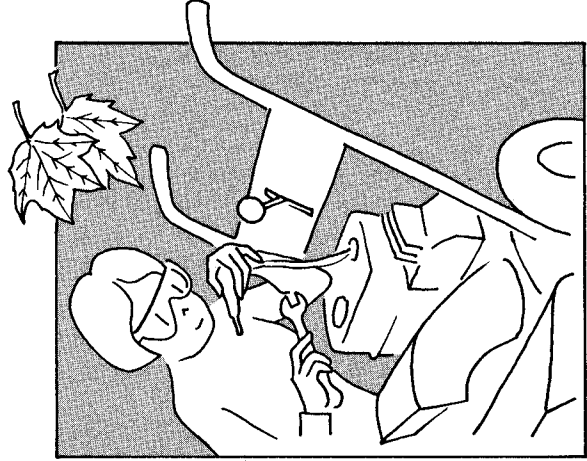
- Drain the fuel tank* or add stabilizer, per instructions in the owner's manual.
- Clean the snow thrower, and paint it if necessary.
- Reduce the tire pressure.

- Store the snow thrower on blocks, in a safe, dry place.
- *Be sure to drain the fuel tank before storing the snow thrower indoors or near a heat or spark-producing source.

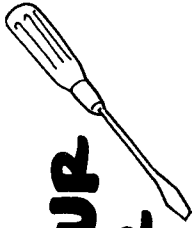


IN THE FALL

- Remove the blocks from under the snow thrower.
- Check the oil and fluid levels.
- Inflate the tires.
- Remove and check the spark plug.
- Run the engine before using the snow thrower, to make sure it's working properly.



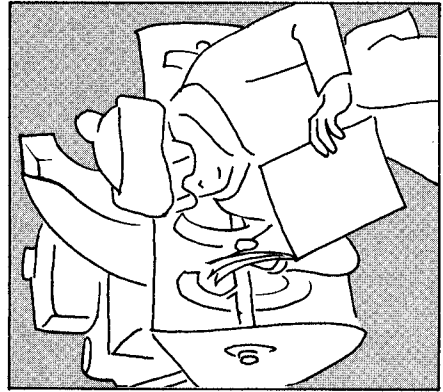
MAINTAINING YOUR SNOW THROWER



NOTE: Before attempting any maintenance procedures, make sure that the snow thrower is cool, all moving parts have stopped, the spark-plug wire is disconnected, and the key is removed.

AFTER EACH USE

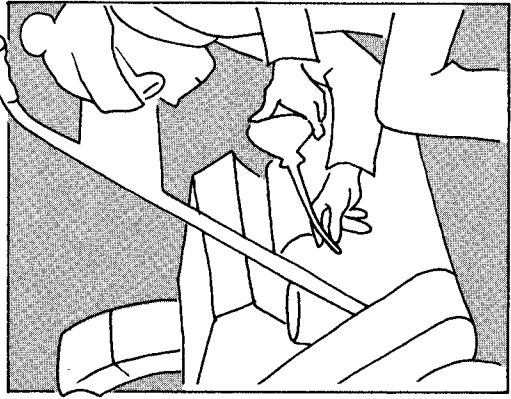
- Run the snow thrower for a minute after clearing snow, to free the auger and impeller of remaining ice and snow.
- Inspect the machine for damage or wear. (Have the dealer perform any service beyond your ability or know-how.)
- Adjust, repair or replace any parts, as necessary. (Refer to your owner's manual.)
- Disengage the auger and impeller blades before moving the snow thrower, and before parking or storing it.



ON A REGULAR BASIS

These procedures are generally recommended after 25 hours of use. (Check your owner's manual, to be sure.)

- Change the oil.
- Lubricate, if necessary.
- Check gearbox fluid.
- Check and gap spark plug.
- Apply silicone spray or paste wax to auger, housing, etc., to prevent snow from sticking.



HOW TO USE YOUR SNOW THROWER SAFELY

GET ACQUAINTED WITH YOUR SNOW THROWER

before you need to use it.



READ THE OWNER'S MANUAL

carefully, and refer to it often. Models and manufacturers vary, so it's never safe to assume you know everything you need to know until you read and understand this valuable document.

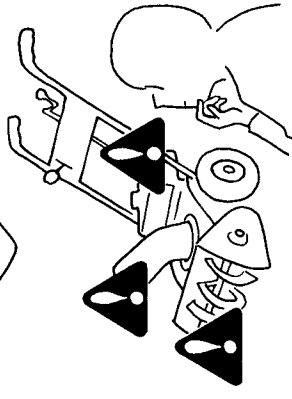


KNOW THE "DANGER ZONES"

on your snow thrower.

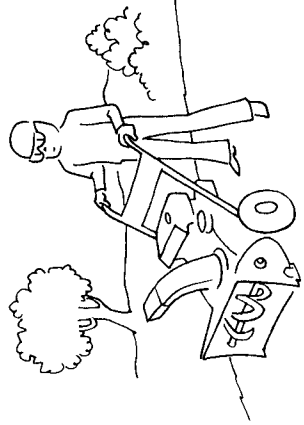
For example:

- belts, chains, auger and impeller blades can catch clothing and mangle fingers or toes
- a hot engine or muffler can burn you
- the discharge chute can "discharge" snow, stones, etc., with dangerous force.



PRACTICE USING THE SNOW THROWER

before you attempt to remove any snow.



It's especially important to be able to start and stop the engine, engage and disengage the wheels and auger/impeller, aim the discharge chute and steer the snow thrower.

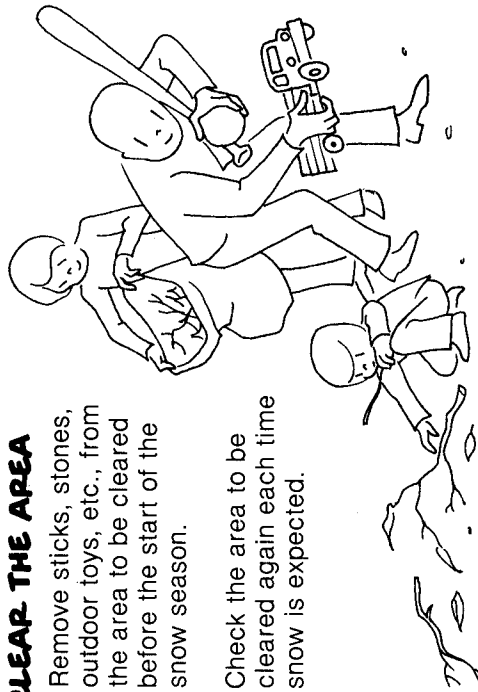
SNOW THROWERS

GET READY TO REMOVE SNOW

Once you're familiar with your machine you'll probably be anxious to use it, but before you do, be sure to:

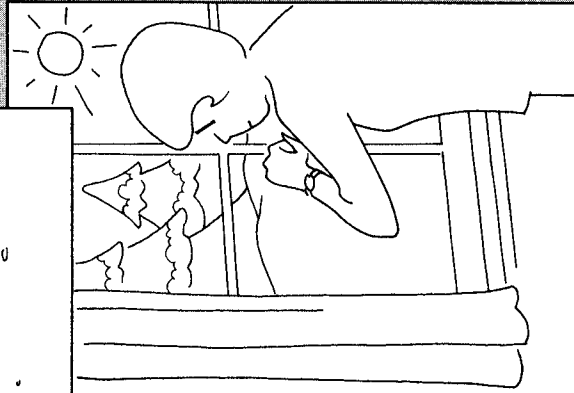
CLEAR THE AREA

- Remove sticks, stones, outdoor toys, etc., from the area to be cleared before the start of the snow season.
- Check the area to be cleared again each time snow is expected.



CHOOSE THE RIGHT TIME

- Use the snow thrower only when there's enough light for good visibility.
- Use the snow thrower as soon after the snowfall as possible (for easiest snow removal).



TRACTOR-MOUNTED SNOW THROWERS

- ✓ **DOUBLE-CHECK,** to make sure the snow thrower is mounted on the tractor* properly.
- ✓ **DON'T ALLOW PASSENGERS** to ride on the tractor at any time.
- ✓ **STAY IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT** while operating the snow thrower.

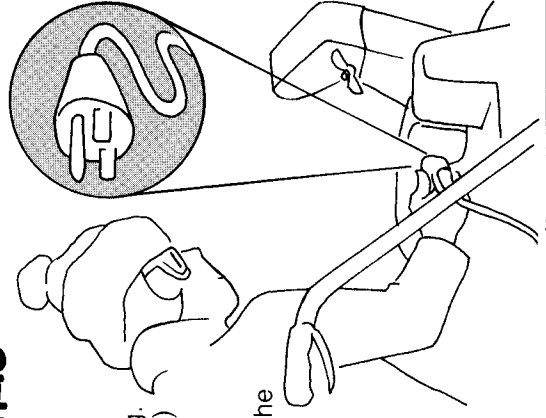
If you must get off the tractor, turn off the power take-off, lower the snow thrower, set the brake, shut off the engine and take the key with you.

*Use only the snow thrower and accessories designed for your tractor.



ELECTRIC-START OR ELECTRIC-DRIVE SNOW THROWERS

- ✓ **CHECK CORDS,** prongs and receptacles before using. (Never remove the grounding prong.)
- ✓ **ONLY USE APPROVED CORDS** and plugs when starting or running the snow thrower.
- ✓ **PLUG THE STARTER CORD INTO THE SNOW THROWER** before plugging it into a wall outlet. After starting, remove the cord from the wall outlet before removing it from the snow thrower.



DIFFERENT TYPES OF

Because each type of snow thrower has unique hazards, each requires special care.

Some rules for

WALK-BEHIND SNOW THROWERS

✓ GO SLOWLY

to avoid clogging. Do not push or force the machine to work harder than it should.

✓ KEEP YOUR BALANCE,

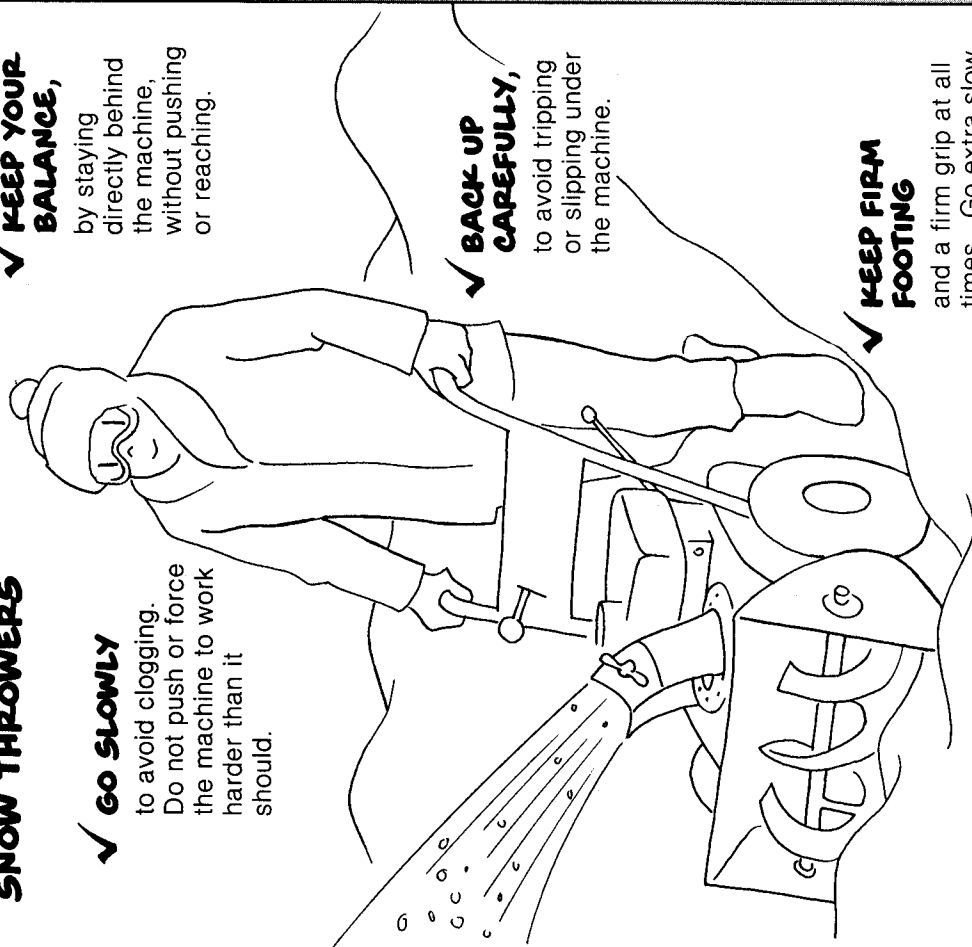
by staying directly behind the machine, without pushing or reaching.

✓ BACK-UP CAREFULLY,

to avoid tripping or slipping under the machine.

✓ KEEP FIRM FOOTING

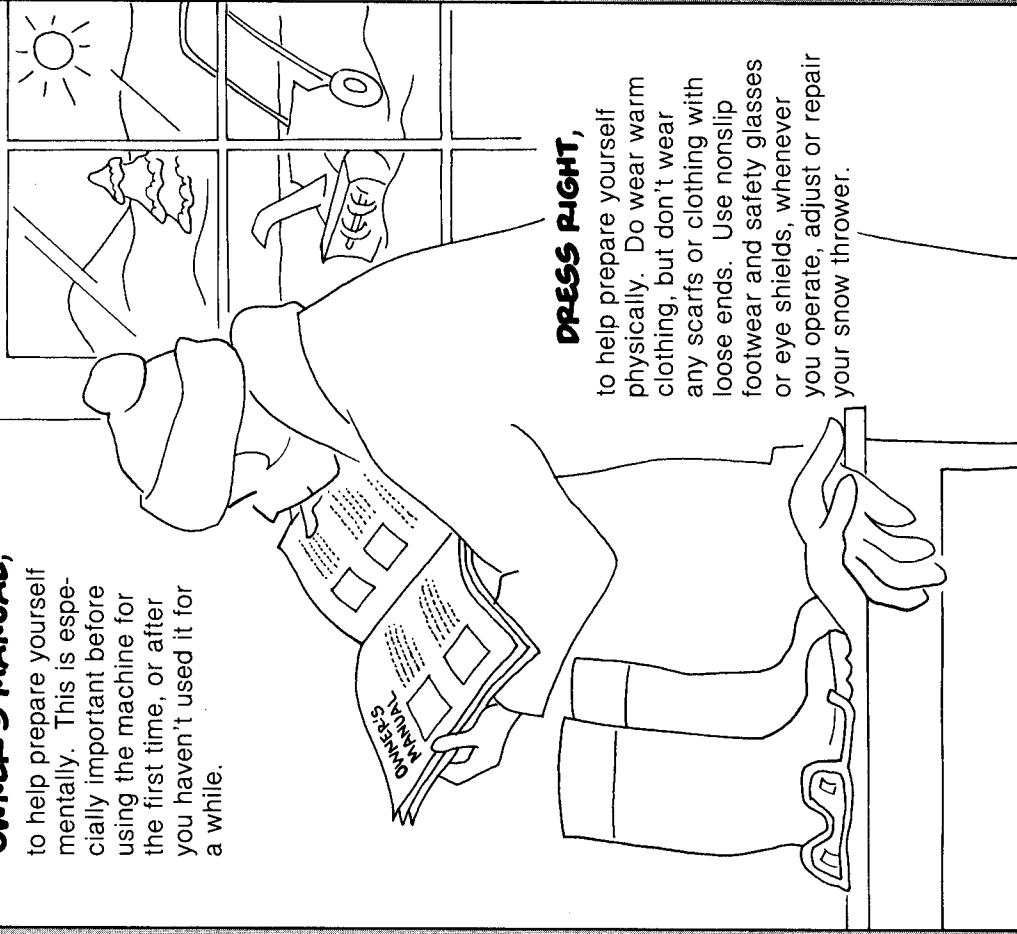
and a firm grip at all times. Go extra slow on slippery surfaces.



PREPARE YOURSELF FOR THE JOB

REVIEW THE OWNER'S MANUAL,

to help prepare yourself mentally. This is especially important before using the machine for the first time, or after you haven't used it for a while.



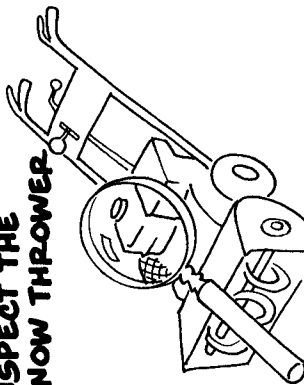
DRESS RIGHT,

to help prepare yourself physically. Do wear warm clothing, but don't wear any scarfs or clothing with loose ends. Use nonslip footwear and safety glasses or eye shields, whenever you operate, adjust or repair your snow thrower.

PREPARE THE SNOW THROWER

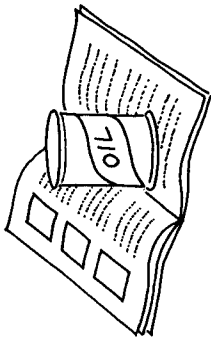
Before "taking to the snow," be sure you take these final precautions:

INSPECT THE SNOW THROWER



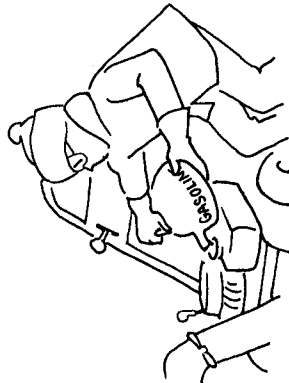
Make sure all safety shields and alert symbols are in place. Bolts, wires, belts and/or chains should be fastened securely; controls should operate properly.

CHECK THE OIL



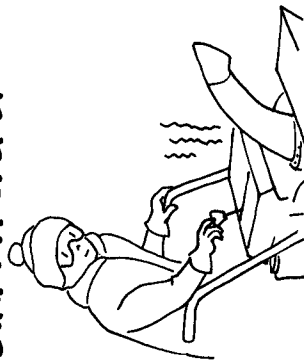
Follow the instructions in your owner's manual to make sure the oil is neither low nor dirty. Add oil or change it, if necessary.

FILL THE GAS TANK



This should be done outdoors, with the engine turned off and cool, the spark-plug wire disconnected. Be sure to tighten the gas cap and wipe up any spills promptly.*

START PROPERLY



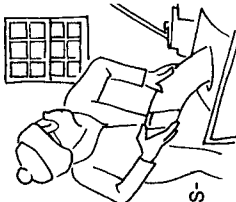
Disengage the wheels and auger before attempting to start the engine. Allow the engine and moving parts to "warm up" before you remove any snow.

*Store unused fuel in an approved safety container, outside the home, and remember... no smoking at any time!

FOLLOW THESE GENERAL RULES

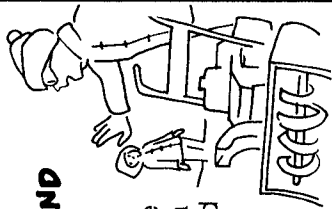
Here are some general guidelines to keep in mind as you operate the snow thrower.

CHECK THE POSITION



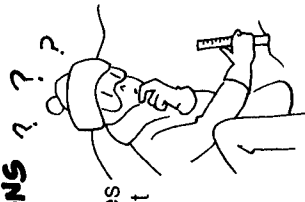
of the discharge chute before throwing snow. Aim the discharge carefully, especially when passing near windows, cars or drop-offs.

KEEP PEOPLE AND PETS AWAY



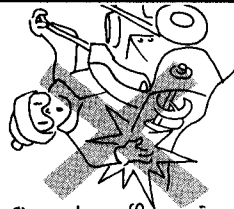
from the snow thrower while you're using it. Never let a child or an untrained adult operate the snow thrower.

PAY ATTENTION TO SNOW CONDITIONS



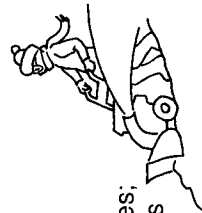
and depth. Slow down, or back up and make two passes if necessary. (Adjust the height of the auger housing so that it will pass safely over gravel.)

STAY CLEAR



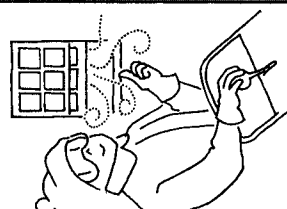
of the auger, impeller and discharge chute while the snow thrower is running or the blades are spinning. This is very important! Be careful around belts, chains and other moving parts, too.

BE CAREFUL ON SLOPES,



especially when turning. Don't clear across slopes; avoid steep slopes altogether.

PROVIDE VENTILATION



when starting the snow thrower inside a garage. Move outdoors once the engine is running.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Before attempting to unclog, adjust or inspect the snow thrower, stop the engine, wait for moving parts to stop, and disconnect the spark-plug wire (make sure it's kept away from the spark plug). Stop immediately if you strike an object or notice vibration.